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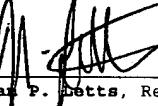
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(xx) Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith.

(xx) A copy of the of the PCT Search Report for PCT/US99/22725 which corresponds to the subject US application 09/806,311 is included.

( ) In accordance with §1.98(d), copies of some or all of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed herewith because they were previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed

, for which claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 has been made in the instant application.

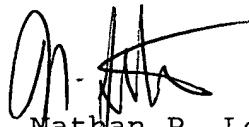
**(xx)** Due to the large size of some references, only relevant portions have been submitted. The included portions are as follows: WO 01/22920 A2 (pages 1-11, 183, 309-408, 1756-1759, 1769-1784, 1860, 1891-2157, 2224-2227, sequence listing pages 1, 1364, 5636-5637). Full text of the abbreviated reference is available if requested.

**(xx)** References JP 2001025389 A2 is in a foreign language. Therefore, Geneseq Patent Search reports are attached to demonstrate relevance.

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